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SUBJECT: ISRAEL SEEKS GOI HELP ON INTERIM AGREEMENT

1. WE ARE INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY (ATTOLICO) THAT ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MADE AN ORAL DEMARCH LATE THIS MORNING TO SECRETARY GENERAL MANZINI (MFA) CONCERNING THE PRESENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD AN INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT.

2. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR STATED THAT ISRAELI HAS MADE ALL POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS TO OBTAIN THIS AGREEMENT AND IT IS NOW UP TO THE EGYPTIANS TO MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS IF AN AGREEMENT IS TO BE ACHIEVED. HE FURNISHED CONSIDERABLE DETAIL OF THE FINAL
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ISRAELI POSTITION AND WHAT WAS TERMED QUOTE THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER

POSITION UNQUOTE. HE APPARENTLY MENTIONED TROOP DISPOSITION, US TECHNICIANS AND SPECIFIC TERRAIN FEATURES. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD THE ITALIANS THAT THE UNITED STATES AGREES WITH THE ISRAELI CONCEPT OF THE SETTLEMENT.

3. THE ITALIANS WERE ASKED TO APPROACH CAIRO AND URGE THE EGYPTIANS TO MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE. OUR SOURCE TOLD DCM THAT HIS SAME APPROACH IS BEING MADE TO OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS. THE ISRAELI AMB DID NOT STATE WHICH ONES BUT THE ITALIANS PRESUME THAT BONN, LONDON, PARIS, BRUSSELS AND THE HAGUE WERE THE CAPITALS CHOSEN.

4. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM THE UN, THE ISRAELI SOUGHT ITALIAN EFFORTS WITH THE ARABS TO PREVENT THIS ISSUE FROM BEING RAISED IN NEW YORK. WHEN POLITICAL DIRECTOR PLAJA, WHO WAS PRESENT, SUGGESTED THAT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON THE SINAI WOULD BE A MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN HELPING TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MOTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UN, THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DISCLAIMED ANY CONNECTION OR LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO SUBJECTS. THE ITALIANS WERE NOT CONVINCED.

5. OUR SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT HIS DEMARCH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE NINE IN HELSINKI ON JULY 30 BUT HE DOUBTED THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. VOLPE

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